ships permissible drafts depend on the summation of the minimum depth as above and the rise of tide.

(b) Increase in the navigable depths in the approach channels to Kolkata and Haldia has been the perpetual endeavour through all possible means such as dredging, river training re-alignment of navigable channel and basin. River Regulatory Measures undertaken by Kolkata Port recently include action in all three dimensions of capital dredging, river training measures and re-alignment of existing channels.

(c) Government has approved the proposal of Kolkata Port for execution of River Regulatory Measures for improvement of draft in Hooghly Estuary at an estimated cost of Rs. 350.84 crores. The project is expected to be completed by May, 2003. An increment of Navigable depth by 1.0 mtr. is expected on completion of the project. The targeted navigable depth is 9.5 mtrs. The details of the project includes :

(i)	Capital Dredging over Jiggerkhali Flat including construction of Dyke	Rs. 263.83 crores
(ii)	Trimming of the western face of Nayachara Island	Rs. 26.53 crores
(iii)	Construction of a guidewall at the southern end of nayachara Island	Rs. 41.10 crores
(iv)	Bank Protection Work between Sondia Column and the river Haldi	Rs. 16.64 crores
(v)	Instrumentation and Monitoring studies	Rs. 2.74 crores.

Development of Brahmaputra river for cargo transportation

2232. SHRI INDRAMONI BORA : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state :

(a) whether Inland Waterways Authority of India is planning to develop the Brahmaputra river for transportation of cargo to and fro from Assam ;

(b) the fund allocated for de-silting river bed for making it navigation worthy;

(c) the allocation of funds for other infrastructures which will be necessary to attract private investors; and

(d) whether there is any plan to divert Brahmaputra river through our country avoiding river route *via* Bangladesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An amount of Rs. 2.00 Cr. has been allocated for river conservancy works on National Waterway No. 2 during 2001-02.

(c) For other infrastructural facility such as procurement of dredgers, survey vessels etc. and for provision of night navigational aids, terminal etc. an amount of Rs. 8.00 Cr. has been allocated for 2001-02.

(d) No, Sir.

De-notification of port limits of Salaya Minor Port

2233. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE : Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat had de-notified port limits of Salaya Minor Port and transferred the same to Kandla Port only for import of crude for IOC refineries;

(b) if so, whether permission has been granted by Kandla Port Trust to put up a SBM in Kandla Port limit (in Vadinar area) for crude import for Essar Refinery;

(c) whether Government are considering to transfer revenue that may be generated through SBM for Essar Refinery to Government of Gujarat; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Government of Gujarat had de-notified Vadinar portion from limits of Salaya Minor Port and by another notification issued by the Government of India on the same day, the de-notified Vadinar area was included in the limits of Kandla Port. The de-notification by Government of Gujarat did not limit use for import of crude for IOC refinery.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.